

**COUNTYWIDE PLANNING COMMISSION
SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

October 5, 2015

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Leigh Girvin, Emily Tracy, Jim Just, Beverly Breakstone, Marc Hogan, Craig Campbell, Erik Vermulen

STAFF PRESENT: Alan Hanson, Lindsay Hirsh, Jim Curnutte

Craig Campbell, Chair, called the meeting of the Countywide Planning Commission to order at 5:28 pm

Approval of Summary of Motions: The Summary of Motions of June 1, 2015 was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0, with one revision to note that Mike Lakritz resigned from the Commission due to term limitations.

Approval of Agenda: There were no changes to the agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Public Hearing:

PLN14-058 Wildfire Hazard Reduction/Land Use Planning Code Amendments

Amendments to Chapters 2, 3, 8, 9, & 12 of the Summit County Land Use & Development Code to improve integration of wildfire hazard reduction planning and land use planning in the unincorporated areas of Summit County

Discussion:

The Commission took an informal vote on two of the proposed code amendments; the first to §3505.17.C.1 requiring a minimum of five (5) of non-combustible fencing with the first 10-feet from a structure, and the second to §3815.02.A prohibiting storage of firewood within Zone 1 defensible space (generally 30-feet from a structure). The Commission voted 7-0 to retain requirements for non-combustible fencing within 10-feet of structures but noted that chain-link is not a preferred option. The Commission voted 6-1 (Commissioner Hogan dissenting) to retain the proposed prohibition against firewood storage within 30-feet of structures (Zone 1 defensible space) from May 1st to November 1st.

MOTION: Commissioner Tracy moved to recommend that the BOCC approve Planning Case 14-058, proposed amendments to Chapters 2, 3, 8, 9, & 12 of the Summit County Land Use & Development Code to improve integration of wildfire hazard reduction planning and land use planning in the unincorporated areas of Summit County, with the following findings.

Findings:

1. Given the inevitability of wildfires occurring in the future in Summit County, the proposed amendments to the Code are intended to establish an improved framework to integrate our efforts at wildfire hazard reduction with land use planning. Such efforts will significantly contribute to the protection, promotion and enhancement of the public health and safety in balance with legitimate environmental concerns.
2. Although different in their scope, both the Countywide Comprehensive and basin master plans promote resilient, sustainable communities and avoidance or mitigation of natural hazards such as wildfires. The package of proposed Code amendments is intended to improve the “upfront” integration of wildfire hazard reduction and land use planning in the unincorporated portion of Summit County to ensure that our communities are as resilient and defensible as possible to the threat of future wildfires that are an inevitable element of our forest ecology.

3. Title 30, Article 28 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) grants the Board of County Commissioners the authority to adopt and enforce reasonable and necessary land use regulations. In addition, under C.R.S. §29-20-102, the Colorado General Assembly provides the Board with broad authority and discretion to plan for and regulate the use of land within its jurisdiction. As the proposed package of Code amendments is intended to improve integration of wildfire hazard reduction and land use planning to ensure that our communities are as resilient and defensible against future wildfires as possible, such amendments are fully consistent with these provisions of State law.

Commissioner Just seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously on a vote of 7-0.

WORK SESSION ITEMS:

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Jim Curnutte advised the Commission that the next set of code amendments they will consider will involve changes to the County's wetland protection regulations and standards.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Hanson
Senior Planner